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THE ARRIVAL OF JULY

The month of July brings with it many memories and many historical anniversaries. The Battle of Gettysburg, the most important battle of the War between the North and the South, was fought on July 1, 2 and 3, 1863.

Other historic events, in the history of the United States, occur in the month of July. The Republican Party was formed at Jackson, Michigan, on July 6, 1854. Columbia College, in New York City, opened on July 7th, 1754.

General Edward Braddock, sent to America in 1754 to command all British troops here, was defeated in a battle near Fort Duquesne, the present site of Pittsburgh, Pa. The battle, which lasted for about three hours, saw more than half of General Braddock's men killed and 63 of his 89 officers either killed or wounded. (It was in that battle that Col. George Washington went along with Braddock as a member of his staff. The enemy were French, Canadians and Indians and it was a severe defeat for the British).

The first Woman's Suffrage Convention was held on July 19, 1848, at Senaca Falls, N. Y. In Utah, Pioneers Day was observed on July 24, 1847. It was on this date that Brigham Young and his followers arrived in the great Salt Lake valley. Frontier Day, in Wyoming, is celebrated on July 25th and dates from 1897, when the city of Cheyenne scheduled the first annual Frontier Day celebration.

On July 27, 1866, the first Atlantic cable connecting Europe and America by electric telegraph was finally successful.

There are many famous birthday anniversaries in the month of July, including those of Calvin Coolidge on July 4; Admiral David G. Farragut, July 5; John D. Rockefeller, July 8; John Quincey Adams, July 11; Nathan B. Forrest, July 13; Mary Baker Eddy, July 16; John Jacob Astor, July 17; John Paul Jones, July 18; John Rutledge, July 23, and many others.

BOMB FACTS STILL SECRET

One of the ironies of recent civilian evacuation tests, involving Washington and other U. S. defense centers, is the fact that the American people haven't been given adequate information to know what a real attack would mean.

For one thing, the destructiveness of the bombs now being made in this country and Russia already make the recently-conducted evacuation drills obsolete. The recent drills were based on the possibility of atomic-bomb attacks.

Yet the evacuations practiced would not have afforded protection against an attack with more destructive weapons now being made and available. The fall-out of radio-active ash would have caused casualties almost beyond estimation had the recent evacuation drills been the real thing.

There has been a dangerous amount of foot-dragging in giving the American people the facts about the new developments in the hydrogen-bomb field. New bombs are so powerful there is practically no defense against them.

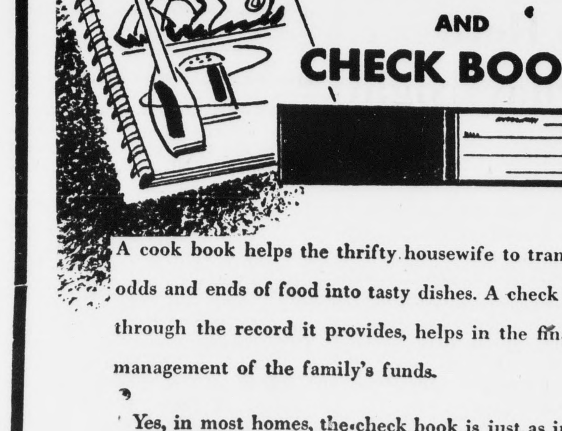
In addition, there has been a scandalous delay in the production and distribution of detectors which citizens should have in ample numbers today (they should have had them a year or two ago). Without the detectors it is impossible for the average citizen to know whether he has been contaminated with radio-active ash or fall-out, or not.

Yet it was pointed out in Washington that civilian defense officials had only four radio-active measuring counters, or detectors, in that city—the national capital—when the recent drill took place.

Four when a hundred thousand would have been needed! This is necessary because if a person finds he has been subjected to radio-active fall-out he must act immediately, if he is to save his life. And radio-activity cannot be detected by the eye, or by feel, until it is too late!

The Administration should immediately okay a simple geiger counter, or detector, for manufacture. They should become a part of the equipment of every fire station, police department, and civilian defense organization in the country.

The United States is woefully unprepared in the field of civilian defense — so unprepared it staggers the imagination to think what would happen if this country actually sustained such an attack. The people need the awful facts, and they need a plentiful supply of portable detectors, and that responsibility rests with the Administration.



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NEXT TUESDAY IS AN IMPORTANT DAY

Next Tuesday, July 12, is the day for the Democratic Primary Election in Virginia, when officials of local government will be nominated, in anticipation of the General Election in November. It is an important day, because for democracy to work, the people must exercise their right of franchise. The larger the size of the vote cast, the surer the principles of democratic government will be maintained.

It is not the policy of The Times-Virginian to announce a choice as between candidates in a primary. We feel that all of the candidates are known in the county, and that our duty to our readers to urge that there be a large vote, and that each citzen give careful thought to his selection. We are confident of the wisdom of the voters, if enough of them vote.

Unfortunately, Virginia is not a heavy-voting state. So many elections find a relative handful taking the trouble to vote. Many more are qualified to vote, than often do so. However, in Virginia, Appomattox County has been considered one of the heavier-voting counties. Out of a total population of some 8,500, vote of 2,500 would be well above the state average. We should not be satisfied next Tuesday with a vote of less than 2,500.

FOREIGN POLICY, DEFENSE, AND POLITICS

Though most of us do not often take the time to stop and think about it, the United States is a comparative new-comer in its role as the recognized leader among the nations of the world. As the most influential power in the world in the diplomatic field, as well as in the economic sphere, the country's every official action is carefully watched and even more carefully weighed in foreign countries.

This imposes something of a responsibility on the citizens of this country and on those who make up our Congress in Washington. This responsibility is most vital in the field of defense and foreign policy, as carried on by the appropriate agencies of our government.

This obligation should impose restraint on every citizen who is inclined to deal destructively with the Government's foreign policy or play politics in the field of defense and foreign relations.

We do not mean to say that Americans should refuse to criticize foreign policy or defense programs. However, all Americans should present a solid front to the outside world in the field of foreign policy.

An example of disruptive and destructive criticism of foreign policy has been seen on numerous occasions recently regarding the coming Big Four Conference. The President and the State Department have committed this country to a Big Four Conference, after ardent pleas from our allies. Suggestions that we refuse to go through with this commitment, or refuse to meet and talk with the other big powers in the world, serve no constructive or useful purpose.

In recent years there have been several great champions of bi-partisan foreign policy. One of them today in Senator Walter George, of Georgia. The late Senator Arthur Vandenburg, of Michigan, was another. These men realized that the United States should put up a bi-partisan, united front in foreign policy relations. This is imperative if our foreign policy is to be effective and influential.

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WASHINGTON NOTES

LEGAL LIQUOR

Consumption of legal liquor in this country will run between 188,-000,000 and 190,000,000 gallons - a decline from 2.4 to 1.4 per cent from 1953's total of 194,633,000 gallons. This does not mean that Americans are drinking less, but that consumption of moonshine or unlicensed liquor is up. There are estimates that 68,000,000 gallons of illegal liquor were produced during 1954 and presumably found a market.

FUEL

The United States and the Soviet Union between them control one-half of the world's energy resources based on fuel and water power, according to the American Geographical Society. The United States, it is estimated, has 29 per cent of these resources, while the Soviet Union has 25 per cent.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Governments in this country — Federal, state and local — employ 15 per cent of all workers, pay 17 per cent of all personal income, make 38 per cent of all expenditures for new construction and equipment, and produce 20 per cent of the gross national product—the aggregate of goods and services.

MOTOR VEHICLES

Now that peace is assured in the automotive industry, it is expected that the booming assembly lines will build 7 million or more passenger cars this year. That is more cars than the industry built in all the years prior to World War I.

FOREST FIRES

Forest fire fighters were called to an average of 485 fires daily during 1954, according to the Agriculture Department. There were 176,891 fires in that period, damaging more than 8,800,000 acres of forest resources — timber, water, forage, wildlife, and recreational facilities. This was an increase of 12 per cent in fires over those reported during 1953.

GI FARM LOANS

A new law makes it easier [illegible] World War II and Korean [illegible] veterans to purchase farms [illegible] there is a home, or to [illegible] improve farmhouses. The [illegible] creases the Veterans Admin[illegible] guaranty of GI farm loans [illegible] provate lenders to 60 per cent [illegible] the loan, with a maximum [illegible] of $7,500. World War II [illegible] have until July 25, 1957 to [illegible] GI loan benefits.

JAP WAR DEBT

The Transportation Ministry [illegible] Japan plans to begin work on [illegible] ing sunken ships in Manila and [illegible] harbors as part of Japan's [illegible] parations debt to the Philip[illegible]. They plan to raise 40 [illegible] ships totaling some 153,000 [illegible] tons and six warships totaling [illegible] 000 tons in Manila Bay and [illegible] chant ships of some 7,900 [illegible] Cebu Bay. The job which is [illegible] ed to take about two and [illegible] years, will cost an estimated [illegible] lion.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION

A total of 58,589,863 motor [illegible] hicle registrations were issued [illegible] 1954—a gain of 4.1 per cent [illegible] 1953—according to the Bureau [illegible] Public Roads. Florida showed [illegible] greatest rise with 8.2 per cent.

PLANE USE

Commercial air transport [illegible] United States uses about [illegible] planes, compared with 20,000 [illegible] operated by business corp[illegible] and executives, and 10,000 [illegible] farmers and ranchers.

PERSONAL INCOME

Aggregate personal income [illegible] ril rose to a new record [illegible] high of $295,000,000,000 per [illegible] num. The "take home" part of [illegible] record personal income — [illegible] left after taxes — was at the [illegible] of $260,000,000,000 for the [illegible] Aggregate personal income [illegible] ran a billion dollars higher than [illegible] March, which had set the p[illegible] record.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

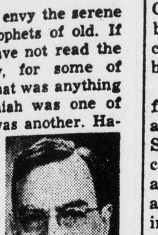
By DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Background Scripture: Habakkuk. Devotional Reading: Habakkuk 3:2-4, 17-19.

God In Dark Days

Lesson for July 10, 1955

SOMETIMES we envy the serene faith of the prophets of old. If [illegible] shows we have not read the [illegible] carefully, for some of [illegible] had a faith that was anything [illegible] serene. Jeremiah was one of [illegible] Habakkuk was another. Ha[illegible] lived during the dark days [illegible] the end of the little [illegible] of Judah. [illegible] his opening lines, one [illegible] think he had [illegible] reading our [illegible] papers in [illegible] "Why dost [illegible] make me see [illegible] and look upon trouble? De[illegible] and violence are before [illegible] strife and contention arise. So [illegible] is slacked and justice never [illegible] forth . . ." Why does God let [illegible] things go on?



Dr. Foreman

[illegible] Is Hard To Believe

Habakkuk asked the same question and got an answer from God [illegible] the Lord told him he would [illegible] believe. Not only was the [illegible] scene, in Jerusalem and Ju[illegible] dark with violence and in[illegible], but the farther horizon was [illegible] still. Out of the east the [illegible] resurgent Babylonian em[illegible] was rising. Now empires sel[illegible] rise peacefully. They come to [illegible] with the uproar and the [illegible] of war. Empires arise by [illegible] smaller kingdoms, and [illegible] was no exception. If you [illegible] asked any wide-awake Hebrew [illegible] Habakkuk's time, "What is the [illegible] national danger you see [illegible] your country?," he [illegible] probably have said: "The [illegible] ambitions of Babylon." [illegible] Hebrews would have said [illegible] the Babylonians, or Chaldeans [illegible] they are often called, were the [illegible] of God's people. But Ha[illegible] is told something God says [illegible] to believe: "**I am rousing** [illegible] **Chaldeans.**" That bitter, hasty, [illegible] violent, godless nation, [illegible] only god was their own [illegible]—God was arousing that nation to punish Judah for Judah's [illegible]. What was God going to do [illegible] the violence and injustice in [illegible]? He was going to wipe it [illegible] wipe it off the face of the [illegible] . . . and use the Chaldeans [illegible] it with.

The Remedy Worse Than Disease?

[illegible] can see from reading the [illegible] part of Habakkuk's first [illegible], that he could not understand, at first, how God could do [illegible] a thing as arousing the Chaldeans. How can God use devilish [illegible] to accomplish divine purposes? Is it conceivable that a God [illegible] is the Holy One, who cannot [illegible] on wrong,—is it conceivable [illegible] such a God would be silent [illegible] the ruthless and cruel armies [illegible] invaders were capturing [illegible] and treasure, cities and vil[illegible] as a fisherman takes every[illegible] in his net? Nevertheless it [illegible] often been true that God's [illegible] purpose has been set forward [illegible] men who did not know nor obey [illegible]. When Joseph's brothers sold [illegible] into Egypt as a slave, they [illegible] no good by it. Their only [illegible] were greed, cruelty, jealousy and revenge. But God brought [illegible] out of it. War is a terrible [illegible]; but as Lincoln suggested, [illegible] quite possible to believe that [illegible] horrors of a civil war are [illegible] way of punishing a nation [illegible] the injustice of slavery. If a [illegible] will not listen to its true [illegible] and repent, God can use [illegible] measures.

[illegible] Endures

Habakkuk, pursuing bravely his [illegible] of God, comes out at [illegible] two illuminating thoughts [illegible] the Lord gave him. (It may [illegible] noted in passing that sometimes [illegible] questioning mind gets an[illegible] when the unquestioning [illegible] does not.) One is that in [illegible] days, when God is not to be [illegible], the man of faith must wait. [illegible] does not settle all his accounts in October." The answer to [illegible] riddles is not always given [illegible] immediately. God's signature can [illegible] seen at the end, though not [illegible] do we recognize his handwriting at first. The other thought [illegible] this: The man of faith must [illegible] give up his faith. For faith [illegible] the power of enduring life. [illegible] may use a "bitter and hasty [illegible]" to punish another sinful [illegible]. But God judges all nations, [illegible] and Judea alike. Seen in [illegible] light of history, we can per[illegible] as a fact what Habakkuk [illegible] see only with his inward [illegible]: that the God-defying conquer[illegible] Chaldean nation would vanish [illegible] without a trace, while the [illegible] conquered people of the He[illegible] would survive, because in [illegible] was the undying seed of faith.

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CHARLES CITY CO. TAKES LEAD IN PREPARING FOR JAMESTOWN FESTIVAL

Williamsburg, Va.- Charles City County has become the first county in Virginia to set up a fund-raising project for the Jamestown Festival of 1957 and Isle of Wight County has become the first to contract for a historical restoration to be exhibited beginning the year of the celebration.

H. C. Sledd, chairman of the Charles City Festival Committee, announced here yesterday that a special open house will be held by five famous plantations in the county on October 21, 22, 23 of this year to begin the fund-raising. The old county courthouse and jail will also be open to visitors.

Each county or city that raises funds will spend them on its own attractions as it sees fit, and Mr. Sledd said that the nominal fees charged to visitors would go toward a fund to convert the old jail into an information and relic house during the Festival and for exhibition thereafter.

David A. Rawls, of Smithfield, chairman of the Isle of Wight County Festival Committee, said that the county's branch of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities has contracted with the firm of Claiborne and Taylor, Richmond, for restoration of the exterior walls of the circular courtroom of the old courthouse in Smithfield.

The restoration fund of this APVA branch has been accumulating and is now sufficient to begin the work, Mr. Rawls said, but Isle of Wight, too, will set about raising money to complete the courthouse restoration by 1957. People of the county will be called upon to contribute to the restoring of this two-centuries-old attraction.

Twenty-three ocunties, ten cities, and six colleges have appointed Festival committees, the Virginia 350th Anniversary Commission announced.

RECORDS HELP POULTRY BUSINESS

Proper records will help the poultryman find weak spots in the chain of production, says Lee W. Herrick, assoicate poultry husbandman at V. P. I.

Records from 13 growers in three Virginia counties last year showed an average cash cost of $1.90 to raise a pullet to six months of age, with most flocks varying from $1.25 to $2.50 per bird. These records are from flocks varying in size from 150 to 1,500 pullets.

Pullet costs will depend on many factors, including chick cost, mortality, brooding cost and feed cost. Feed cost involves not only the actual cost, but also the amount of feed wasted. Waste is influenced by the type of feeders used, and management practices. The total feed eaten per pullet may be reduced 10 to 15% by grazing.

Buying habits also influence feed cost. Locally grown grain bought from neighbors at harvest time and stored, is cheaper than that bought as needed throughout the year. This, of course, means adequate grain storage must be provided.

It is even better to produce grain for the birds on the home farm. The records taken last year showed an average of 31.6 pounds of feed needed to produce a pullet.

The 13 growers paid from 13 to 14¢ per chick, or an average of 26.5¢. Poultrymen have learned that the cheapest chick is usually not the best buy. Most poultrymen buy sexed pullet chicks, especially for production of table eggs.

Mortality ranged from 1.6 to 18.-1%, with an average of 6%. Coal and gas and electric brooder stoves and infrared brooders were used for brooding with an average cost of 5¢ per chick. Age at which the first egg was laid by each flock varied from four months to five months, with an average of four months and 14 days.

Herrick emphasizes that the successful poultryman must be efficient and know the facts of his business. The only way to get these facts is to keep records.

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NEWS from HOLLYWOOD

William Gargan is renewing an old acquaintance with Warners, having accepted the role of father to Jane Wyman in "Miracle In The Rain." Gargar last worked at the studio seventeen years ago in "The Adventures of Jane Arden."

Scenery for "Boy On a Dolphin" will be shot in Greece, which Sam Engle declares is made to order for modern screen methods. Joan Collins will most likely play the role of the young Greek girl and Engle would like to have Gregory Peck, Jimmy Stewart or Cary Grant for the archeologist.

Vie-Jah, the Jamaican actress, has been signed by Arthur Freed for the harem girl in "Kismet" and will also play the lead captive slave in "The Ten Commandments." Vie-Jah is known as the Marilyn Monroe of Jamaica, was born in Kail Island, off the coast of India, is 23 and is a brown-skinned, black-haired, half-Indian and half-Irish girl.

Mother-and-son combination, Olive Carey and Harry Carey, Jr. will appear in "The Searchers," which John Ford is filming on location at Monument Valley, Arizona, for the newly-formed C. V. Whitney Productions.

Vanessa Brown recently auditioned for Richard Rodgers for the feminine lead in "Pipe Dreams," with Helen Traubel and George Wallace.

Yvonne De Carl and Victorio De Sica will play the lead roles in both the Italian and English versions of the remake of the famous French classis "The Baker's Wife." The film will be made in Italy in September. Yvonne is the first American actress to make a picture in a foreign language—she played "Castiglione" in French last year.

Van Johnson and Jane Russell are set to co-star in "The Sunset Kid." Meanwhile, Johnson has "Miracle in The Rain" at Warners; "Rosalinda," to be made in Europe, and "The Solid Gold Cadillac" on his busy schedule.

Lisa Ferradat is off for Paris, where she will do "The Skin of Our Teeth," with Helen Hayes, Mary Martin, and Robert Whitehead. She will then stay over to appear in "Trapeze," with Gina Lollobrigida.

Humphrey and Lauren Bacall Bogart will be co-starred again in "Melville Goodwin, U.S.A." This is the John P. Marguand novel which has a Washington (D. C.) locale and deals with military and romantic activities of a certain general during the recent World War.

GOLDEN GLEAMS

A man is always afriad of a woman who loves him too well. —John Gay.

Men speak of what they know; women of what pleases them.
—J. J. Rousseau.

Women trade with the weaknesses and follies of men not their reason.
—Nicholas Chamfort.

Men who do not make advances to women are apt to become victims to women who make advances to them.
—Walter Bagslot.

Woman seems to differ from man in mental disposition, chiefly in her greater tenderness and less selfishness. —Charles Darwin.

All women become like their mothers. That is their tragedy. No man does. That is his.
—Oscar Wilde.

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